

Redwood Shores, CA; GTE, Needham, MA; Ensemble Solutions, Fairfield, NJ; Dynamicweb Enterprises, Inc., Fairfield, NJ; Cable and Wireless PLC, Menlo Park, CA; and Borland, Stanford, CA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and CommerceNet Consortium intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 13, 1994, CommerceNet Consortium filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on August 31, 1994 (50 FR 45012).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 22, 1998. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Global Chipcard Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on June 10, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Global Chipcard Alliance has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are American Express, New York, NY; Banksys S.A., Brussels, BELGIUM; Bell Canada, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA; British Telecom, Uxbridge, UNITED KINGDOM; Chipper Netherlands, Hoofddorp, NETHERLANDS; Citicorp Development, New York, NY; Deutsche Telekom, Lindenfels, GERMANY; Elcotel, Inc., Sarasota, FL; Gemplus, Gemenos Cedex, FRANCE; Gieseck & Devrient America, Reston, VA; GTE, Dallas, TX; IBM, San Jose, CA; KPN

Telecom BV, The Hague, NETHERLANDS; Landis & Gyr, Geneva, SWITZERLAND; Mondex, San Francisco, CA; NCR Netherlands N.V., Amsterdam Zuidoost, NETHERLANDS; Nortel, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA; ORGA, Paderborn, GERMANY; Protel, Lakeland, FL; Schlumberger Smart, North Austin, TX; Siemens Components, Munich, GERMANY; SPT Telecom, Praha, CZECH REPUBLIC; Telecom Eireann, Dublin, IRELAND; Telekom Malaysia, Selangor Darul, MALAYSIA; Telstra, Sydney, AUSTRALIA; U.S. West, Seattle, WA; and Verifone, Alpharetta, GA. The nature and objectives of the venture are to provide a vehicle for the acceleration of the introduction of worldwide, regional wide interoperable products and services related to the use of integrated circuit cards by the adoption of voluntary international standards to assure widespread acceptance by vendors and consumers of products and services that can function interoperably in an open network architecture in world markets.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation

Notice is hereby given that, on August 28, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation has filed written notification simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Raytheon Company, Lexington, MA; Science Applications International Corporation ("SAIC"), La Jolla, CA; NASA-Ames, Moffett Field, CA; Lockheed Martin, Orlando, FL; Eastman Kodak, Rochester, FL; Hughes Research Lab, (HRL, L.L.C.), Malibu, CA; and Nortel, Ottawa, CANADA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Hughes Aircraft Company and Bell

Communications Research ("Bellcore") have been dropped as parties to this venture.

The Hughes Aircraft Company share in MCC has been transferred to Raytheon Company, effective on June 11, 1998. The Bell Communications Research ("Bellcore") share in MCC was transferred to Science Applications International Corporation ("SAIC") effective on June 18, 1998. NASA-Ames has joined the Quest Project and the Object Infrastructure Project. Lockheed has joined the Object Infrastructure Project, Year 2. Eastman Kodak has joined the Low Cost Portables Project; HRL, L.L.C. has joined the LCP Project. Raytheon Company has joined the SSEP Project and Nortel has joined the Virtual Prototyping (ProReal) Project.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On December 21, 1984, Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 17, 1985 (50 FR 2633).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 18, 1998. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

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Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI"): Joint Industry Program—Development of an Instrument for Corrosion Detection in Insulated Pipes Using a Magnetostrictive Sensor

Notice is hereby given that, on March 23, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI"): Joint Industry Program—Development of an Instrument for Corrosion Detection in Insulated Pipes Using a